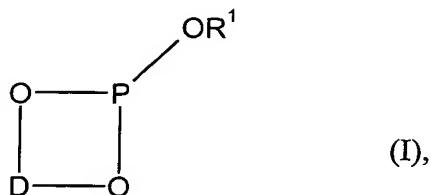


**Claims:**

1. Process for preparing compounds of the formula (I)



5            where

D        is an unsubstituted or substituted 1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl- or 1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl radical and

10        R<sup>1</sup>     is a radical selected from the group of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-halogenalkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>-arylalkyl and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aryl, with the proviso that

R<sup>1</sup>       has a molar mass of 215 or less,

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comprising

in a step a) reacting

-        compounds of the formula (II),

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where Hal is in each case independently chlorine, bromine or iodine,

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-        with compounds of the formula (III),



where

$R^1$  is as defined above

5 to give compounds of the formula (IV)



where

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$R^1$  and Hal are each as defined above,

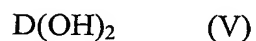
in a step b) distillatively purifying  
the compounds of the formula (IV) of a) and

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in a step c), reacting  
the compounds of the formula (IV), purified in step b)

with compounds of the formula (V)

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where

25 D is as defined above

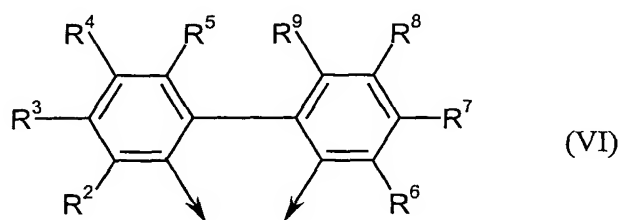
to give compounds of the formula (I).

30 2. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that step c) is carried out in the presence of a base.

3. Process according to at least Claim 1, characterized in that  $R^1$  is a radical which is selected from the group of  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_{15}$ -arylalkyl and  $C_4$ - $C_{14}$ -aryl, with the proviso that

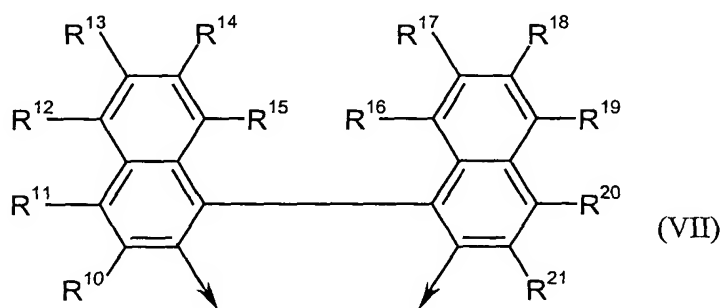
5  $R^1$  has a molar mass of 200 or less.

4. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that D is an unsubstituted or substituted 1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl radical of the formula (VI)



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or is an unsubstituted or substituted 1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl radical of the formula (VII)



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where the radicals

20  $R^2$  to  $R^{20}$  are in each case independently selected from the group of hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, protected hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -halogenalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkylthio, free or protected

formyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aryl, tri(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)siloxyl or radicals of the formula (VIII)



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where, each independently,

A is absent or is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkylene radical and

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B is absent or is oxygen, sulphur or NR<sup>21</sup>

where

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R<sup>21</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aryl and

E is a carbonyl group and

F is R<sup>22</sup>, OR<sup>22</sup>, NHR<sup>23</sup> or NR<sup>23</sup>R<sup>24</sup>

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where

R<sup>22</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl and

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R<sup>23</sup> and R<sup>24</sup> are each independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aryl, or NR<sup>23</sup>R<sup>24</sup> together is a cyclic amino radical having 4 to 12 carbon atoms, and in each case two adjacent radicals from R<sup>2</sup> to R<sup>20</sup> together optionally form a non-aromatic ring and in each case two of the radicals from R<sup>2</sup> to R<sup>20</sup> optionally are bridging.

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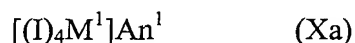
5. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that enantiomerically enriched compounds of the formula (V) are used.
6. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the compounds of formula (I) are selected from the group consisting of :
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  - ((R)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)isopropyl phosphite
  - ((R)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(R)-1-phenylethyl phosphite
  - ((R)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(S)-1-phenylethyl phosphite
  - ((S)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(R)-1-phenylethyl phosphite
  - ((S)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(S)-1-phenylethyl phosphite
  - ((S)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)cyclohexyl phosphite
  - ((R)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)cyclohexyl phosphite
  - ((S)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phenyl phosphite
  - ((R)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phenyl phosphite
  - ((S)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl phosphite
  - ((R)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl phosphite
  - ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-isopropyl phosphite

- ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-  
isopropyl phosphite
- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(rac)-1-  
phenylethyl phosphite
- 5 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(rac)-1-  
phenylethyl phosphite
- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(S)-1-  
phenylethyl phosphite
- 10 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(S)-1-  
phenylethyl phosphite
- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(R)-1-  
phenylethyl phosphite
- ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-(R)-1-  
phenylethyl phosphite
- 15 ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-  
diphenylmethyl phosphite
- ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-  
diphenylmethyl phosphite
- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)methyl  
phosphite
- 20 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)methyl  
phosphite
- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-2,6-  
dimethylphenyl phosphite
- 25 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-2,6-  
dimethylphenyl phosphite
- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-2,6-  
diiso-propylphenyl phosphite
- 30 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-2,6-  
diiso-propylphenyl phosphite

- ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phenyl  
 phosphite  
 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phenyl  
 phosphite  
 5 ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)ethyl  
 phosphite  
 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)ethyl  
 phosphite  
 10 ((S)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-4-tert-  
 butylphenyl phosphite  
 ((R)-5,5',6,6'-tetramethyl-3,3'-bis(tert-butyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)-4-tert-  
 butylphenyl phosphite  
 ((S)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)isopropyl phosphite  
 ((R)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)isopropyl phosphite  
 15 ((S)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)neopentyl phosphite  
 ((R)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)neopentyl phosphite  
 ((S)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)phenyl phosphite  
 ((R)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)phenyl phosphite  
 ((S)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)benzyl phosphite and  
 20 ((R)-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diyl)benzyl phosphite.
7. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the distillation in step b) is  
 carried out a pressure from 0.001 to 1000 hPa.
- 25 8. Process according to Claim 1 further comprising as step d), reacting the  
 compounds of the formula (I) obtained in steps a) to c) with transition metal  
 compounds.
9. Process according to Claim 8, characterized in that solutions of compounds of  
 30 the formula (I), as obtained in step c), are used directly in step d), optionally  
 after removing precipitates.

10. Process according to Claim 8, characterized in that solutions of compounds of the formula (I), as obtained in step c), are concentrated, optionally after removing precipitates, the compounds of the formula (I) are taken up again in solvents and subsequently provided for reaction in step d).

11. Process according to Claim 8, characterized in that transition metal compounds containing compounds of the formula (I) are those of the formula (Xa),



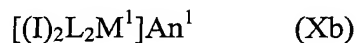
where

(II) is in each case independently, a compound of the formula (I) and

$M^1$  is rhodium or iridium and

$An^1$  is methanesulphonate, trifluoromethanesulphonate, tetrafluoroborate, hexafluorophosphate, perchlorate, hexafluoroantimonate, tetra(bis 3,5-trifluoromethylphenyl)borate or tetraphenylborate or

those of the formula (Xb)



where

(II) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) and

$M^1$  is rhodium or iridium and



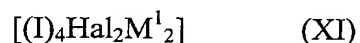
An<sup>1</sup> is methanesulphonate, trifluoromethanesulphonate, tetrafluoroborate, hexafluorophosphate, perchlorate, hexafluoroantimonate, tetra(bis 3,5-trifluoromethylphenyl)borate or tetraphenylborate and

5 L is in each case a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkene, or

L<sub>2</sub> together is a (C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>)-diene and

those of the formula (XI)

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where

(I) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) and

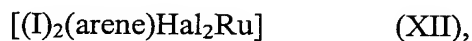
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M<sup>1</sup> is rhodium or iridium and

Hal is chlorine, bromine or iodine or

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those of the formula (XII)



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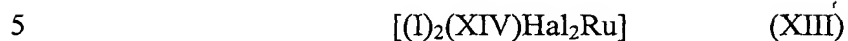
(I) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) and

arene is a coordinated aromatic compound having 6 to 12 ring carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by up to 6 radicals which are each independently selected from the group of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, benzyl and phenyl and

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Hal is chlorine, bromine or iodine, or

those of the formula (XIII)

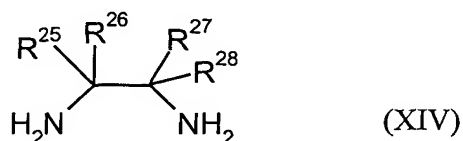


where

(I) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) and

Hal is chlorine, bromine or iodine,

(XIV) represents compounds of the formula (XIV)



where

$R^{25}$ ,  $R^{26}$ ,  $R^{27}$  and  $R^{28}$  are each independently hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$ -alkyl,  $C_4$ - $C_{14}$ -aryl or  $C_5$ - $C_{15}$ -arylalkyl radicals, or in each case two radicals together are a straight-chain or branched  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$ -alkylene radical.

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12. Transition metal complexes of the formula (Xa)



where

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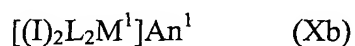
(I) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 and

$M^1$  is rhodium or iridium and

An<sup>1</sup> is methanesulphonate, trifluoromethanesulphonate, tetrafluoroborate, hexafluorophosphate, perchlorate, hexafluoroantimonate, tetra(bis 3,5-trifluoromethylphenyl)borate or tetraphenylborate.

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13. Transition metal complexes of the formula (Xb)



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where

(I) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 and

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M<sup>1</sup> is rhodium or iridium and

An<sup>1</sup> is methanesulphonate, trifluoromethanesulphonate, tetrafluoroborate, hexafluorophosphate, perchlorate, hexafluoroantimonate, tetra(bis 3,5-trifluoromethylphenyl)borate or tetraphenylborate and

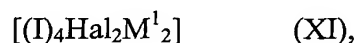
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L is in each case a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkene, for example ethylene or cyclooctene, or a nitrile, , or

L<sub>2</sub> together is a (C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>)-diene,.

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14. Transition metal complexes of the formula (XI)



where

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(I) is in each case independently, a compound of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 and

M<sup>1</sup> is rhodium or iridium and

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Hal is chlorine, bromine or iodine.

15. Transition metal complexes of the formula (XII)

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where

(I) is in each case independently a compound of the formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 and

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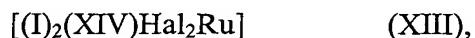
arene is a coordinated aromatic compound having 6 to 12 ring carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by up to 6 radicals which are each independently selected from the group of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, benzyl and phenyl.

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Hal is chlorine, bromine or iodine.

16. Transition metal complexes of the formula (XIII)

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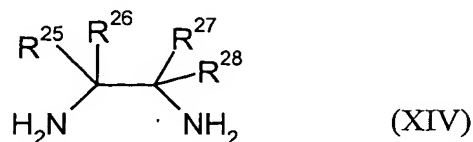
where

(I) is in each case independently, a compound of the formula (I) and

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Hal is chlorine, bromine or iodine,,

(XIV) represents compounds of the formula (XIV)



where

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R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>-aryl or C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>-arylalkyl, or in each case two radicals together are a straight-chain or branched C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkylene radical.

- 10      17. A process for catalyzing reactions comprising providing transition metal complexes according to Claim 12 as catalysts.
- 15      18. A process for preparing stereoisomerically enriched compounds comprising providing transition metal complexes containing the compounds of the formula (I) which have been prepared according to Claim 8.
19. A process for preparing stereoisomerically enriched compounds comprising providing transition metal complexes containing the compounds of the formula (I) which have been prepared according to Claim 12.
- 20      20. Process for preparing stereoisomerically enriched compounds by asymmetric synthesis, comprising providing as catalysts transition metal complexes containing the compounds of the formula (I) which have been prepared according to Claim 8..
- 25      21. Process for preparing stereoisomerically enriched compounds by asymmetric synthesis, comprising providing as catalysts transition metal complexes containing the compounds of the formula (I) which have been prepared according to Claim 12.